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Measures to eliminate international terrorism

Letter dated 29 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am writing to draw your attention to the latest incident in the Palestinian terrorist campaign directed against the citizens of Israel.

This past Sunday, 27 October 2002, at approximately 11.30 a.m. (local time), a Palestinian suicide bomber approached a gasoline station near the community of Ariel. He was spotted by an alert attendant as he headed for a nearby cafeteria. Security officers and nearby soldiers immediately confronted the terrorist and in the ensuing struggle, the terrorist's explosives were detonated. Three Israelis were killed in the explosion and 18 others were wounded. Reports indicate that both the Al Aksa Martyrs Brigades, the terrorist wing of Chairman Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction, and the terrorist organization Hamas, claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Israel holds the Palestinian leadership fully responsible for this attack, as it does for all terrorist attacks emanating from the territory under its control. Despite repeated demands for action, the Palestinian leadership has failed to fulfil its responsibilities to end all acts of violence and terrorism. Nor has it taken any steps to fulfil its responsibilities under the recently adopted Security Council resolution 1435 (2002), a resolution adopted at the initiative of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine. That resolution demands an end to all acts of violence, terrorism and incitement and calls for those responsible for terrorist acts to be brought to justice — none of which the Palestinian leadership has even begun to undertake.

Instead of operating a justice system that would hold terrorists and their supporters accountable for their crimes, Palestinian security courts have handed down a steady number of harsh sentences directed solely at opponents and critics of the Palestinian Authority. The Palestinian failure to fulfil their obligations is not a failure of ability, but rather of the necessary political will. In light of this, Israel is left with no choice but to exercise its right to self-defence and to take measures to

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protect the lives of its citizens, while continuing to do its utmost to alleviate the humanitarian situation of the Palestinian people.

Israel expects the international community to condemn Sunday's attack in the strongest terms. The ongoing role of those under the direct authority of Chairman Arafat in the perpetration of suicide bombings and other criminal acts of terrorism must be similarly denounced.

Israel urges the Palestinian leadership to fulfil its obligations under signed agreements reached with Israel as well as under resolution 1435 (2002) to arrest terrorist leaders and bring them to justice and to end incitement in the official media. The Palestinian leadership must also take steps to end all financial, logistical and moral support for acts of terrorism in accordance with Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 1373 (2001).

The restoration of hope for both Israelis and Palestinians and a return to a process of dialogue aimed at achieving a lasting political settlement will only be possible once the Palestinians fully reject terrorism, both in word and deed, and live up to their obligations to resolve all outstanding issues through negotiations.

I submit this letter in follow-up to numerous letters detailing the campaign of Palestinian terrorism that began in September 2000.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter circulated as an official document of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 36 and 160, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Yehuda **Lancry**
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 28 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

As the representative of the State presiding over the statutory bodies of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), I have the honour to transmit herewith the decision of the CIS Council of Heads of State on the extension of the peacekeeping operation in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) S. **Lavrov**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 28 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Decision on the extension of the peacekeeping operation in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia

The Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)

Has decided:

1. To extend the stay and mandate of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia, to 31 December 2002 or until such time as one of the parties to the conflict calls for an end to the operation.

2. To instruct the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and the Russian Federation, with the participation of the Headquarters for the Coordination of Military Cooperation among CIS Member States and the CIS Ad Hoc Operational Working Group for the Settlement of the Conflict in Abkhazia, Georgia, and in cooperation with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Georgia, to continue to work out the issues referred to in paragraph 3 of the decision of the CIS Council of Heads of State of 22 March 2002 on the stay of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia.

Information on the conclusions and proposals shall be submitted to the CIS Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs at its next meeting.

3. To instruct the CIS Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs, taking into account these conclusions, to submit for consideration to the CIS Council of Heads of States at its next meeting proposals regarding further steps for the elaboration of additional measures for the safe return of refugees and displaced persons to the place of their former residence and regarding amendments and additions to the mandate of the Collective Peacekeeping Forces in the conflict zone in Abkhazia, Georgia.

4. To inform the United Nations Security Council of this decision of the CIS Council of Heads of State.

DONE in the Russian language, as provided in paragraph 6 of rule 20 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Heads of State and the Council of Heads of

Government of the Commonwealth of Independent States. The original copy shall be deposited with the CIS Executive Committee, which shall transmit a certified copy to each State that has signed this decision.

For the Republic of Armenia:
(*Signed*) R. **Kocharian**
2 August 2002

For the Azerbaijani Republic:
(*Signed*) H. **Aliyev**
3 September 2002

For the Republic of Belarus:
(*Signed*) A. **Lukashenka**
30 July 2002

For Georgia:
(*Signed*) E. **Shevardnadze**
26 July 2002

For the Republic of Kazakhstan:
(*Signed*) N. **Nazarbaev**
2 August 2002

For the Kyrgyz Republic:
(*Signed*) A. **Akayev**
13 August 2002

For the Republic of Moldova:

For the Russian Federation:
(*Signed*) V. **Putin**
2 October 2002

For the Republic of Tajikistan:
(*Signed*) E. **Rakhmonov**
2 August 2002

For Turkmenistan:

For Ukraine:

For the Republic of Uzbekistan:
(*Signed*) I. **Karimov**
26 July 2002

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Letter dated 29 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to write to you in your capacity as President of the Security Council and request the convening of an open meeting of the Security Council on the situation in Georgia. It would greatly contribute to the candid and constructive discussion of the conflict settlement process in Abkhazia, Georgia.

(*Signed*) Revaz **Adamia**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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